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Traffic Fatality: Intersection of 37th Street and Ridge Road, Southeast

(Washington, DC) – Detectives with the Metropolitan Police Department's Major Crash Investigations Unit are investigating a traffic fatality involving a single vehicle that occurred on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, in the intersection of 37th Street and Ridge Road.

At approximately 10:59 am, a silver 2015 Chevrolet Spark was backing out of a parking space in the 300 block of 37th Street, Southeast, when the driver struck a parked vehicle. After striking the parked vehicle, the driver drove away northbound on 37th Street, Southeast at a high rate of speed. Once reaching the intersection of 37th Street and Ridge Road, Southeast, the driver lost control of the vehicle, struck a light pole and proceeded into a metal fence, coming to rest in the front of the Unit block of Ridge Road on the sidewalk.

DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the driver to a local hospital where he was admitted to surgery. The passenger of the vehicle was also transported to an area hospital for medical treatment of non-life threatening injuries. On November 10, 2019, the driver of the vehicle succumbed to his injuries.

The decedent has been identified as **72 year-old James Whitehead**, of Northwest, DC.

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